

D/Pub

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Chief, D/Ec

21 December 1949

Chief, D/Pub

Editing and review of IM-253

1. Considerable confusion developed between D/Ec and D/Pub over the editing and review of Intelligence Memorandum 253 on 12 December 1949. In accordance with standard operating procedure, D/Pub reviewed and edited the D/Ec draft submission of IM-253 and took the revised version to D/Ec for consultation and negotiation. D/Pub allotted three hours for conference on the paper, a period of time which is considered more than adequate for negotiating a final draft of a five-page memorandum. D/Ec representatives declared themselves unable to discuss the draft revision with D/Pub in the time available. After some delay, the matter was referred by D/Ec to DAD/CRE who decided that in order to meet the deadline of the requester the unrevised D/Ec draft would have to be printed and sent forward.
2. In the interest of avoiding such situations in the future and in order to make clear what kind of changes D/Pub sought to make in the D/Ec draft submission of IM-253, the two versions have been drawn up in parallel columns and attached to this memorandum. In comparing the two versions, it must be borne in mind that the D/Pub draft revision was prepared in the expectation that D/Ec and D/Pub representatives would go over it together and that any errors in fact or distortions of emphasis would be corrected during that consultation.
3. D/Pub regards its draft revision of IM-253 as representative of the level of presentation to which CRE production would be brought before D/Pub, in exercise of its review function under AD/CRE, approves its publication and dissemination. In order to make possible increased cooperation between D/Ec and D/Pub in the production of future intelligence papers, D/Pub would welcome a discussion of this draft revision.

R. J. SMITH

Copy to:

DAD/CRE

D/Ec with att.

File

CONFIDENTIAL

DEC 23 1949
ad-4